Suzanne Valadon: Model, Painter, Rebel

Field Trip with Special Exhibition Tour

For grades 7–12
Thursdays and Fridays
October 1, 2021–January 7, 2022

Students are invited to an exciting tour of the Barnes collection and our current special exhibition, *Suzanne Valadon: Model, Painter, Rebel*. This show, the first at a major US institution devoted to the artist, shares the little-known story of French painter Suzanne Valadon (1865–1938), who broke barriers faced by the female artists of her time. Born into poverty, Valadon had no formal art training and learned on the job as a model for Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and other prominent painters. She soon exhibited alongside her male counterparts and supported her family with her art. Valadon’s work offers students a new perspective on women’s roles as artists and models in turn-of-the-century Europe and opportunities to discuss female representation and gender equity in art.

Guided Tours

Guided tours are 90 minutes (30 minutes in special exhibition). Students will be divided into groups to see approximately four galleries in the Barnes collection and two main areas in the special exhibition. Guided experiences focus on slow looking and art exercises aimed at helping students find relevance in art, validating their opinions, enhancing art vocabulary, and inspiring their creative voice. As such, students will not get see all the artworks in the galleries in one visit.

Students in grades 7–12 can participate in guided tours on Thursdays at 10 am and 12 pm, and Fridays at 10 am. Guided tours include time in the collection and the special exhibition. Routes cannot be altered.

Self-Guided Tours

Students in grades 8–12 are permitted to self-tour the permanent collection and *Suzanne Valadon: Model, Painter, Rebel* beginning at 11 am on Thursdays and Fridays, space permitting. Self-guided tickets must be reserved in advance through the Education department.
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Teacher Resources

Teachers may self-tour the Suzanne Valadon exhibition ahead of their field trip. Email education@barnesfoundation.org to arrange for a complimentary visit. Available during open hours only.

Guided tours and teacher materials for *Suzanne Valadon* will invite students to explore themes of gender equity in art and how artists presented the female form historically, as in nude works. Teachers will receive a digital preview of all artworks before their visit. Pre- and post-visit lesson plans are also available.

Planning a Visit

Complete the request form at barnesfoundation.org/teachers under “Field Trips.” A member of the Barnes staff will respond by email to confirm and schedule your visit. Full payment, by check or credit card, is required at least two weeks prior to your visit. Payments are final and non-refundable.

**ADMISSION**

$5 per person; $10 per person for combination guided/self-guided (grades 8–12 only). Free busing and admission is available on a first come, first-served basis for a limited number of students in the School District of Philadelphia and Delaware County public and charter schools. Tours include one teacher visit prior to the field trip. Visits are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of each group.

**GROUP SIZE**

Guided and self-guided tours are available for groups of 10–90 students. School groups over 90 will be asked to schedule more than one visit.

**CHAPERONES**

We require one chaperone for every 15 students. Chaperones are responsible for making sure students follow our gallery rules and safety guidelines and participate fully in the experience.

Virtual Learning

Students in grades 7–12 are invited to join a special live Barnes Art Adventures episode exploring the art of Suzanne Valadon. Valadon posed for painters such as Renoir and Toulouse-Lautrec and later became a successful artist herself, confounding societal expectations and breaking barriers for women in art.

Tuesdays, October 26, November 16 & December 7, 2021

10–10:45 am and 1–1:45 pm (ET)

Barnes Art Adventures are online and free to all schools. Space is extremely limited. Request an adventure at barnesfoundation.org/teachers under “Virtual Learning.”

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